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SUBJ/POC USE ON TDY (NOT ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE GOVERNMENT) TRAVEL
TECHNICAL MESSAGE 05-20//

REF /A/JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS (JFTR), CHAPTER 3, PARA
U3310//

1. THIS MESSAGE IS LABELED TAN 09-05 FOR ID PURPOSES.
2. THIS MESSAGE ADVISES OF CHANGES TO THE JFTR, PARA U3310 WHICH
DETAILS MAJOR CHANGES EFFECTIVE 1 SEPTEMBER 2005. FOR PRIVATELY OWNED
CONVEYANCE (POC) FOR USE ON TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) (NOT ADVANTAGEOUS TO
THE GOVERNMENT), THE CHANGE WILL READS AS FOLLOWS:

A. Limitation

1. When, for personal preference, a POC is used for official travel instead of common carrier transportation, travel reimbursement is computed at the TDY mileage rate in para. U2600 plus constructed per diem.
2. The total allowable payment is limited to the total constructed cost of common carrier transportation including constructed per diem for that transportation method.
3. This paragraph does not apply to travel performed under par. U3345 (B-183480, 4 September 1975).

B. Mileage and Per Diem Computation

1. The TDY Mileage allowance is computed for the DTOD distance between authorized points.
2. Ferry fares; bridge, road, and tunnel tolls; and automobile parking fees (related to official business) are added to the amount in par. U3310-B1.
3. The per diem rate authorized in the travel authorization is used for computing per diem.

C. Computation of Constructed Transportation Cost and Per Diem

1. The Government's constructed transportation cost is computed on the basis of fares or charges for the least expensive, most direct, unrestricted common carrier transportation fare (ordinarily contract city-pair airfare) between authorized points.
2. Air transportation constructed cost includes any taxes or fees the Government would pay if Government-procured transportation had been provided.
3. Taxi fares and excess baggage costs that would have been allowed are included.

4. The constructed POC transportation cost includes transportation expenses for: a) The member claiming mileage, and b) Persons performing official travel as passengers (uniformed members and civilian employees only) in the same conveyance.

D. Comparison

Computed POC TDY mileage and per diem are compared with the total constructed travel cost including per diem by common carrier. Reimbursement is made for the lesser amount.

E. Passengers

1. Passengers, accompanying the member claiming mileage, are not authorized TDY mileage.

2. Per diem for eligible passengers is computed by comparing the total per diem payable for the: a) Travel performed, and b) Appropriate common carrier constructed travel. The lesser amount is reimbursed.

F. Mixed Mode Transportation

1. If the member is not authorized to travel by POC as advantageous to the Government and travels partly by:

a. POC for personal convenience, and

b. Common carrier at personal expense, the member is entitled to the:

c. Appropriate mileage plus per diem under par. U3305-A for the distance traveled by POC, plus

d. Transportation cost purchased with personal funds and per diem under Chapter 4, Part B, for actual travel.

2. The total amount is limited to the cost had Government-procured transportation been used, plus per diem under Chapter 4, Part B, for constructed travel time for the distance of the ordered travel.

3. THIS CHANGE PROVIDES GREATER DETAIL FOR COMPUTING REIMBURSEMENT WHEN POC IS USED AND IS NOT MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE GOVERNMENT. IT ALSO CHANGES HOW TO DO THE COST COMPARISON TO INCLUDE PASSENGER EXPENSE IN THE COMPARISON.

4. POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS MESSAGE IS TRAVEL PAY SERVICES, TRAVEL MGMT AND PROCEDURES OFC, DSN 699-5372; DSN 699-4025.//